

CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA INCMINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGHELD AT THE OFFICES OF THE CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF NSW INC363 PITT STREET, SYDNEY, COMMENCING AT 1 PM, 22 JANUARY 1986

1/86 PRESENT:

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| H McIntyre | (President) |
| N Carruthers | (Vice President) |
| B Powell | |
| P Strong | |
| B McIntosh | |
| B Freeman | (Secretary and Executive Officer) |

2/86 IN ATTENDANCE:

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| A Miller | Executive Officer, Vic. |
| R Ison | President, CFNSW |
| J Grossman | Asst.GM - O & P, CFNSW |

3/86 APOLOGIES

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| D Beaton | S.A. |
| O Slattery | Vic. |

4/86 WELCOME:

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance. The dinner arrangements were made known. This was to be a joint dinner with approximately nine directors from the NSW Board plus the Registrar, to be held at the Southern Cross Hotel.

i) OBSERVERS

RESOLVED

"That Messrs Ison, Miller and Grossman be permitted to participate in this meeting of Council".

ii) AGENDA

RESOLVED

"That the meeting authorises the Chairman to make whatever changes to the agenda as she deems necessary."

5/86 MINUTES

RESOLVED

"That the Minutes and Report of the Council Meeting held on 20 August 1985, as previously circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record and be signed by the Chairman."

6/86 BUSINESS ARISING

31/85 Election

It was agreed this matter be deferred.

32/85 Meetings

Discussion took place on the sending of notices. Brian Powell asked that notices be sent not only to Councillors, but also to each State Federation office.

RESOLVED

"That in future a copy of notices of meetings of Council be sent to State Federations as well as individual Councillors."

33/85 ACCECC '87

Mrs McIntyre informed the meeting that the opportunity had been taken, when addressing the ICA delegates, to inform that body of the CFA's decision not to be associated with ACCECC '87. Mrs McIntyre further advised that the ICA President's response was positive.

7/86 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Executive Officer's verbal report including reference to Federal Government representation was made and a summary of National Capital activities was tabled.

RESOLVED

i) "That the Executive Officer's report and tabled document be received and noted."

CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

RESOLVED

ii) "That the resignation of the Co-operative Federation of W.A. be accepted with regret."

iii) "That the W.A. Federation be advised that subscription fees being a pro-rata amount of fees set at \$3,000 for the year to 30/6/86, were technically outstanding and that in view of all the circumstances, that Federation be requested to give favourable consideration to payment of the amount concerned (\$) as a contribution."

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE ALLIANCE CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON, USA

RESOLVED

"That the report prepared and tabled by Mr McIntosh covering the International Co-operative Alliance Central Committee Meeting in Washington be received into the meeting and accepted as an official report."

The report and verbal presentation by Mr McIntosh (delegate) was

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supported by Mrs McIntyre (delegate) and Mr Freeman (Observer), and discussion of various matters and topics followed. Views expressed and conveyed to the Meeting supported a continuance of involvement and participation in the affairs of the ICA in particular and the International Co-operative system generally.

Council was reminded of a standing commitment by the CFA to host the S.E. Asian Regional Council 1986.

RESOLVED

"That the ICA be advised of the necessity to provide relevant information promptly and that in the absence of appropriate details by a set date (Executive Officer to set) the CFA would need to withdraw its offer.

The Chairman thanked Brian McIntosh for submitting the report and for his input into the meeting on the ICA Conference.

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

Amended Financial Reports were tabled and the Council noted that each State had contributed to a fund for the purpose of investigating the possibility/feasibility of a Co-operative Bank and that the fund was treated as a separate exercise. It was noted that it was now necessary and certainly the role of Council to take a decision as to disbursement of the balance of the Fund (\$7950).

It was noted that details of the total amount received from each State, or indeed the method of their raising of the funds, was not clear, and that the Executive Officer would need to endeavour to trace the amounts donated to the CFA from the various States.

Council addressed the matter of the Taxation Fund Account and, having regard to the shortfall in contributions of \$9,284, it was agreed that the amount should be offset in part, by the \$7950 held on behalf of the Co-operative Bank Study Fund and to give effect to this decision the following resolutions were carried:-

RESOLVED

- i) "That a letter be sent to all States enclosing a debit note for the shortfall in the Taxation Fund and a credit note for the Bank Study Fund.
- ii) "That the letter advising Council's decision, seek endorsement of the action taken by Council and payment of the balance where applicable.
- iii) "That the pro-rata subscription owed by the C.F.W.A. be included in their invoice."

1986 BUDGET

It was RESOLVED

"That the budget, as tabled, for the year ended 30 June 1986, be adopted."

NOTE: See Item (4) General Business.

Particular Expenditure Item

It was RESOLVED

"That the expenditure relating to visits (15 and 16 January 1986) to Melbourne and Adelaide, by the Chairman and Executive Officer on CFA business, be ratified."

9/86 GENERAL BUSINESS

1) Agricultural Council

Mr J Grossman, Economist with the NSW Federation, provided a verbal update on the progress to date of the Agricultural Council's sub-committee, which is looking into the position of agricultural co-operatives throughout Australia. A request for a copy of the final report was made by individual councillors and Mr Grossman advised that, subject to any requirements of the Committee, every endeavour would be made to comply.

2) Meeting of Registrars

The Executive Officer Mr Freeman advised that he would be attending a meeting of State Registrars in Brisbane on 13 February 1986.

3) International Meeting

The meeting was advised that Australian Co-operatives had received an invitation to attend an international meeting in San Francisco during August 1986. It was agreed that the letter be circulated to the larger member co-operatives in each State.

4) Budget

The matter of the effect on the 1986 Budget in the event that the States do not endorse action taken by Council in its treatment of the Co-operative Bank Fund was raised and the possible effect of a budget deficit of \$4,000 was discussed. The meeting resolved as follows:-

RESOLVED

i) "That the matter of any deficit arising due to non-contribution by the States be left to the Executive to resolve."

5) CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED

i) "That copies of all correspondence be included in meeting papers circulated prior to Council Meetings."

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FUTURE DIRECTION

Councillors had before them proposals for the future direction of the CFA from Queensland, Victoria and New South Wales. (Copies attached to and forming part of these Minutes).

The present position of the CFA, its objectives and its future prospects were discussed at length, as were the proposals from each State. A summary of the position at the close of the discussions follows:-

QUEENSLAND

Queensland advised strong support for its proposal and did not see any prospect of a change from that position.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

As their Council had not as yet met to discuss the issue, South Australia was officially unchanged in its view that the CFA remain as is, but Mr Powell advised that he would submit the NSW proposal to their next Council Meeting for consideration and advised his personal support.

VICTORIA

Mr McIntosh advised that while Victoria had formulated and submitted a proposal, it had not considered the NSW proposal and he undertook to submit it for his Council's consideration.

NEW SOUTH WALES


NSW advised that it supported the restructure of the CFA in a manner permitting direct membership and had formulated its proposal on this basis. Mrs McIntyre advised that the NSW Board needed to take decisions at its March Meeting in order that proposals could be presented to NSW Members at the Annual General Meeting and requested that States considering their position advise the Executive Officer by the end of February.

Councillors were advised that the proposal put forward by NSW was "negotiable" and that variations and amendments which had due regard for the objectives of the proposal would be welcomed and given every consideration by the NSW Board.

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CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 5.15 pm.

Date Signed: 

(Chairman)

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